GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:831
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BIO- PESTICIDE PRODUCTION UNIT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any project proposal for establishment of bio-pesticides production unit for Integrated Pest Management of Sugarcane at the Karnataka Sugar Institute from the Government of Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the estimated cost of the project;

(c) whether the Union Government has since considered the proposal of the Karnataka Government; and

(d) if so, the time by which the Union Government is likely to give its approval to the proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Karnataka Sugar Institute has submitted a revised proposal on `Establishment of Bio-Pesticides Production Units for the Integrated Pest Management of Sugarcane` for sanction of grant-in-aid from Sugar Development Fund (SDF) in August, 2006. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 145.64 lakhs.

(c) & (d): The proposal submitted by the Karnataka Sugar Institute will be placed before the Standing Research Advisory Committee (SRAC) in its next meeting presently scheduled to be held on 28th November, 2006. The approval of the proposal, however, would depend upon the recommendations of the SRAC followed by further recommendations of the Standing Committee on SDF and acceptance of the recommendations by the Government.